

# The GARZETTE

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## Don't forget the meeting Tuesday Night!

### Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and you had time to enjoy the season and your family. It's a time to reflect on the past year and a time to look ahead to the coming year.

2006 should be a great year for all. GARS has some exciting events happening this year. I hope you will be around to partake in them. Even if you are not a GARS member come on out to see the fun we have at these events. The following list contains some of the events we do.

Techfest	Dog shows	Field Day
Berkley Lake Elementary School Demo	March of Dimes Walkathon	Scout Expo
Memorial Day Parade Dacula	Buford 5k road race	Snellville Middle School Club
Demos at Schools	JOTA	Holiday Party

Here are some local Hamfests that we attend. Dalton Hamfest, ARC Hamfest, Kennehoochee Hamfest, Alfred Hamfest, Lanierland Hamfest, and Shelby Hamfest on Labor Day weekend. I may have missed some events, if so please let an officer know about it.

As you can see, GARS has a need for volunteers. Make plans now to help out on an event.

This month also starts the nomination process for this year's officers. There will be nominations from the floor in Jan. and Feb. with the elections being held in Feb. Your club needs your services. There is always an ex-officer or board of directors to talk to for help if needed.

It has been fun and I look forward to doing other things within the club. I hope you will become involved with GARS. I believe it is a great club because of its people. You make it what it is. Well, its time to close.

See you at the next meeting.. See you on the air.

73 till next time,

**David**

**KA4KKF**



### Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

#### First Tuesday

##### **Kennehoochee ARC**

First United Methodist Church in  
Marietta

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM  
Talk In 146.880(-)

#### Second Monday

##### **Georgia Tech ARC**

Room W218

Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg.  
Georgia Tech Campus  
Meeting at 7:00 PM

#### First Thursday

##### **Atlanta Radio Club**

Georgia Red Cross HQ  
1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta

Meeting is at 7:30 PM  
Talk In -146.820(-)

#### **N.E. Georgia ARC**

Commerce Public Library

Meeting is at 6:30 PM  
Talk In - 147.225(+)

PL 123.0

#### Second Thursday

##### **Alford Memorial Radio Club**

Annistown Road Baptist Church  
Intersection of Annistown Rd & Spain  
Rd

Stone Mountain  
Dinner at 6:00 PM  
Meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

#### Third Thursday

##### **North Fulton Amateur Radio League**

Southern Skillet

1037 Alpharetta St., Roswell  
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30  
PM  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

#### First Saturday

##### **North GA QRP Club**

Wieuca Baptist Church on Peachtree  
Rd/Wieuca, 10 AM

### Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

**GARS** publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at [www.arrl-ga.org](http://www.arrl-ga.org)

#### Third Saturday

CA VEC

9:00AM

Marietta First United Methodist Church  
Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave  
Marietta

David Still, WB4RRD  
(770) 973-2566

#### Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC

7:00 PM

United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville

#### Third Sunday

W5YI VEC

3:00 – 5:00 PM

St. John Neumann Church  
801 Tom Smith Road Lilburn  
Headphones Provided! Howie Gould,  
W9HG (770)921-8362

#### Second Tuesday

7:00PM

Walton EMC

3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville  
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA  
(770)498-7759

#### Second Saturday, Odd Months

ARRL VEC

8:30 AM

Stone Mountain Methodist Church  
5312 West Mountain St.  
Stone Mountain  
Bob Varone, W4ETN  
(770)978-3179

#### Fourth Sunday

2:30 PM

Georgia Tech Student Center  
Room 301  
David Ziskind, KE4QLH  
(404) 966-6864

### GARS Communication System

#### 6 Meter Repeater

53.110 (-1 MHz)

82.5 PL Tone

#### 2 Meter Repeater

147.075(+) MHz

82.5 PL Tone

#### 70 Cm Repeater

444.525(+) MHz

82.5 PL Tone

#### Main Repeater Site

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

#### Backup Repeater Site

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

#### Remote Receive Sites

Bogart Road, Buford

Goshen Springs Road, Norcross

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

#### APRS

144.390 -- 1200 Baud  
W4GR/Relay



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual GARS Tech Fest & Chili Cook-off

**WHERE:** St Marguerite D'Youville Church, 85 Gloster Rd NW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044. Just off Highway 29, SW of Lawrenceville

**WHEN:** Saturday January 14, 2006 – 09:00 – 14:00 local time

**WHAT IS TECH FEST?** The idea of Tech Fest was first tested 8 years ago when Kevin Berry, KF4RMA expressed interest in an event who's primary function was to expose members of the community to the many facets of Amateur Radio. Unlike Field day, this is not a contest or race. It is a chance to experience aspects of our hobby that we might never have seen. It's a chance to hear the truth about radios and antennas, without the flashy spin that a salesperson might put on it. It is an event that encourages the free exchange of ideas and knowledge. It is a chance to meet some of your HAM radio friends, sit around a table with a cup of coffee and share new and old stories. It is a great place to sample some of the best Chili in North Georgia.

### Time to mark your calendar for the winter dog show, it's Feb 3,4 and 5.

Cherokee Rose Cluster Dog Show.

We need your help to make this a success!

GARS and Gwinnett ARES provide parking fee collection at the parking lot entrance and parking services for the Cherokee Rose Cluster Dog Show. There is usually a donation for these services, and this is shared between GARS and Gwinnett ARES. The dog show is just off the Jonesboro Rd Exit from 285. Go East at the exit and take a left at the first intersection.

Shifts are from 6am to 10am and 10am to 2pm. You can stay all day if you want. There are shifts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The on-site frequency is 146.505. The site is out of range of the GARS repeater.



We need about 10 members per shift. To sign up for the dog show, please contact Dan (kf4ysu@arrl.net) or David (ka4kkf@arrl.net) or sign up at the January club meeting.

This is a very significant event for our club's budget, so it is important to provide the services expected.

## GARS Apparel

Several items of clothing that feature our Club logo and/or your call sign are available to Club members. These items include polo shirts, sweat shirts, caps, jackets and other articles. Call sign badges can also be ordered. See Dan Keohan, KF4YSU, at the next Club meeting for a listing of items and their associated costs.

Do you know a boy or girl  
14 to 21 years old  
who wants to:

- Climb, hike, canoe, camp
- Talk on an amateur radio
  - Have Fun  
?

Tell them about  
**Venture Crew 73**



We meet the first Tuesday  
of each Month, 7:30PM at  
Prospect United Methodist  
Church Youth room.

For more information Visit  
[www.gars.org/crew73](http://www.gars.org/crew73)

or contact Ray Back:  
Email [crew73@gars.org](mailto:crew73@gars.org)  
Phone (678) 380-1728

## 2005 Ham of the Year

Carl Plotz was honored for his many years of dedicated service to the North Georgia Amateur Radio Community with the award of GARS ***Ham of the Year***



We all miss Carl.





Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society  
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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW MEMBER  
RENEWAL

Amateur Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ License \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_\_\_ Technician \_\_\_\_\_ General \_\_\_\_\_  
Advanced Extra

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)

ARRL Member    Yes    No    Life

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive the GARZETTE newsletter by:    US Mail    Email (please check only one)

### Type of Membership

Individual \$30.00 annually

Student \$15.00 annually

Senior \$15.00 annually (over age 65)

Family \*\* \$35.00 annually

### Optional Contributions

Repeater Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Available for family members residing at the same address

### Additional Family Members \*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)

License Class    Technician    General    Extra    ARRL Member    Yes    No    Life

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)

License Class    Technician    General    Extra    ARRL Member    Yes    No    Life

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by the By-Laws of the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society and understand that membership is subject to the approval of the Club.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### GARS USE ONLY

Date App Rcvd \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Pmt Rcvd \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Resolution of Thanks

to the

### Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

December 2005

- WHEREAS** Many members of the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (**GARS**) are also members of the Gwinnett County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (**Gwinnett ARES®**); and
- WHEREAS** **GARS** and **Gwinnett ARES®** have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding under which **GARS** permits **Gwinnett ARES®** to utilize its repeater systems for the purposes of training and providing support to the citizens of Gwinnett County, Georgia in times of emergency; and
- WHEREAS** **GARS** and **Gwinnett ARES®** jointly participate in semiannual fund raising events for the benefit of both organizations; and
- WHEREAS** **GARS** has invited participation by **Gwinnett ARES®** in presenting programs at its meetings and in writing articles for its newsletter; and
- WHEREAS** **GARS** and **Gwinnett ARES®** promote amateur radio in Gwinnett County through joint participation in community activities, public service and educational events; and
- WHEREAS** **GARS** invites participants in the **Gwinnett ARES®** Field Day operation at its served agency facility to share food and fellowship during Field Day weekend; and
- WHEREAS** **Gwinnett ARES®** wishes to continue a spirit of friendship, cooperation and fellowship in amateur radio with **GARS**;
- THEREFORE** Be it resolved that **Gwinnett ARES®** greatly appreciates the support provided by **GARS** to the citizens of Gwinnett County Georgia through their generous support of **Gwinnett ARES®** in its mission of supporting Gwinnett County Emergency Management Agency, related county agencies, and the hospital systems operating in Gwinnett County.

\_ss: Stan Edwards, Emergency Coordinator, **Gwinnett ARES®**

# HOLIDAY PARTY 2005



## The GARZETTE

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P.O. Box 88  
Lilburn, GA 30048  
Attn: Newsletter Editor

## The Holiday Party 2005

A great time was had by all at the Holiday Party. David served as the MC and somehow arranged for nearly everyone to take home a present. The committee, did a great job. Dan should be congratulated for having a fine meal with all the extras.



## GARS Recurring Calendar

- Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Check the Web Site for Location.
- Every Monday at 8 PM local time: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 2 meter repeater
- Every Wednesday at 9 PM local time: GARS 6 meter net on the GARS 6 meter repeater
- Every Saturday at 8AM local time: GARS Weekly Family Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville
- 15th of each month: Deadline for submittal of articles for the following month's GARZETTE

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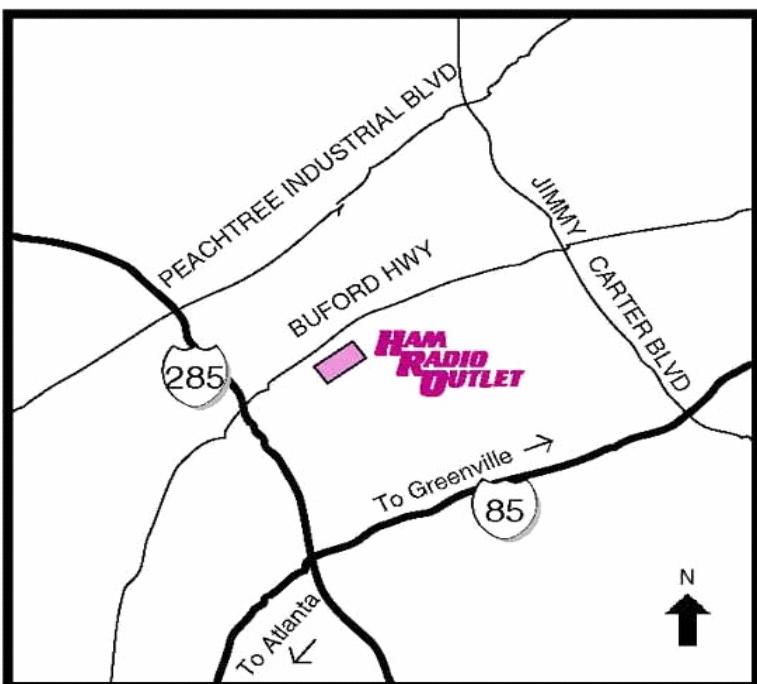
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### *Next Meeting*

*January 10*

*Program will include some hints and ideas on using the computer to operate the radio.*

*Meetings are on the Second Tuesday of the month 7:30pm at the St Marguerite D'Youville Church, 85 Gloster Rd NW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044. Just off Highway 29 SW of Lawrenceville.*

*Directions on the Web Site.  
<http://www.gars.org>*

